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#### **Report Highlights:**

**South African citrus production for 2000 has been revised downward to 1,149 million metric tons, because of damage caused by flooding in some parts of the citrus areas early in the year. Exports are expected to decline to about 646,000 metric tons from 737,000 metric tons last year as a result of the drop in output.**

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## Executive Summary

The South African citrus industry is primarily dominated by oranges, especially Valencia varieties such as Delta, Midnights and Navels. The European markets are the primary targets for fresh citrus exports.

Production of oranges, grapefruit and lemons in 2000 is estimated to decrease to about 1,149 million tons, down 12% from last year. Exports are expected to fall to 646,000 metric tons from 737,000 MT down of last year. Estimates for 2000 indicate a 15% decline in production of oranges and 8% for grapefruit, and an increase of 15% for lemons from a year earlier. Consumption will be about 1% lower than last year. These decreases are due to the total drop in production as a result of effects of floods in some parts of the citrus growing areas.

## Production

### Oranges

PSD Table						
Country:	South Africa, Republic of					
Commodity:	Oranges					
		1997		1998		1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1998		01/1999		01/2000
Area Planted	48844	48844	53728	53728	54728	54728
Area Harvested	42261	42261	43539	43539	44659	44659
Bearing Trees	15067	15067	16122	16122	16722	16722
Non-Bearing Trees	1685	1685	1854	1854	1954	1954
TOTAL No. Of Trees	16752	16752	17976	17976	18676	18676
Production	961	961	974	1048	1047	890
Imports	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL SUPPLY	962	962	975	1049	1048	891
Exports	443	443	450	562	520	471
Fresh Dom. Consumption	291	291	295	228	298	220

Processing	228	228	230	259	230	200
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	962	962	975	1049	1048	891

South African orange production for 2000 is expected to decline by 15% from last year because of flood damage in the Northern Province early in the year. Prices on the local markets are expected to be higher this year as a result of a decline.

PSD Table						
Country:				Mt. 65*	Degrees Brix	
Commodity:	Orange Juice					
		1997		1998		1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin						
Deliv. To Processors	228	228	230	225	230	226
Beginning Stocks	1300	4185	1280	3338	65	500
Production	12413	17556	15785	15750	18550	19000
Imports	200	0	0	0	100	100
TOTAL SUPPLY	13913	21741	17065	19088	18715	19600
Exports	2500	6403	4500	6338	6380	6500
Domestic Consumption	10133	12000	12500	12250	12035	12400
Ending Stocks	1280	3338	65	500	300	700
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	13913	21741	17065	19088	18715	19600

## Trade

Export Trade Matrix			
Country:	RSA	Units:	M/TONS
Commodity:	Oranges		
Time period:	Jan-Dec		
Exports for	1997		1998
U.S.	181	U.S.	1421
Others		Others	
Belgium	114973	Belgium	127505
United Kingdom	84932	Netherlands	75329
Saudi Arabia	60120	Saudi Arabia	72297
Netherlands	34556	United Kingdom	66332
Canada	21130	Hongkong	49568
Netherlands	34556	Brazil	32134
Canada	21130	Spain	29171
UA Emirates	20919	UA Emirates	26520
France	19615	Kenya	13698
Hongkong	19142	Russian Fed	12805
Total for Others	431073		505359
Others not listed	12057		54870
Grand Total	443311		561650

NB: 1997 in the table above shows export trade for market year 1998

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The European markets continue to be the primary targets for South African citrus exports.

## Production

### Lemons

PSD Table						
Country:	South Africa, Republic of					
Commodity:	Fresh Lemons					
		1997		1998		1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1998		01/1999		01/2000
Area Planted	3519	3519	3550	3550	3550	3550
Area Harvested	2958	2958	2958	2958	2970	2970
Bearing Trees	1164	1164	1164	1164	1170	1170
Non-Bearing Trees	169	169	200	200	216	216
TOTAL No. Of Trees	1333	1333	1364	1364	1386	1386
Production	88	92	95	95	110	112
Imports	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL SUPPLY	88	92	95	95	110	112
Exports	46	42	45	60	50	67
Fresh Dom. Consumption	20	20	17	13	23	18
Processing	22	30	33	22	37	27
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	88	92	95	95	110	112

Preliminary figures for 2000 indicate an increase of about 15% in total lemon production. Only a small percentage(16%) of lemons are sold fresh in the domestic markets, about 60% are exported and the remaining 34% processed. The competitiveness and good demand of South African lemons in the export markets have consistently increased producer prices since 1996. Depending on the quality, price levels for 2000 are expected to increase again.

## Trade

Export Trade Matrix			
Country:	RSA	Units:	M/TONS
Commodity:	Lemons		
Time period:	Jan-Dec		
Exports for	1997		1998
U.S.	27	U.S.	565
Others		Others	
Saudi Arabia	13825	Japan	18290
Hong Kong	5495	Saudi Arabia	10856
Emirates	5259	U A Emirates	8205
United Kingdom	4192	Hong Kong	5323
Netherlands	2709	United Kingdom	4532
Singapore	1876	Belgium	2382
Japan	1735	Netherlands	2136
Belgium	1507	Canada	1451
Switzerland	759	Singapore	1001
Kuwait	655	Kuwait	915
Total for Others	38012		55091
Others not listed	3952		4400
Grand Total	41991		60056

NB: 1997 in the table above shows export trade for market year 1998

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## Production

### Grapefruit

PSD Table						
Country:	S.A.					
Commodity:	Fresh Grapefruit					
		1997		1998		1999
	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Market Year Begin		01/1998		01/1999		01/2000
Area Planted	4350	4360	4360	4360	4360	4360
Area Harvested	3925	3927	3927	3927	3930	3930
Bearing Trees	15317	15360	15360	15360	15400	15400
Non-Bearing Trees	90	90	100	100	105	105
TOTAL No. Of Trees	15407	15450	15460	15460	15505	15505
Production	184	186	189	164	200	147
Imports	1	1	1	1	1	1
TOTAL SUPPLY	185	187	190	165	201	148
Exports	140	140	145	115	150	108
Fresh Dom. Consumption	10	9	10	11	11	10
Processing	35	38	35	39	40	30
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	185	187	190	165	201	148

Estimates indicate a decline of about 6% in total grapefruit production for 2000 and a decline in exports by 8% from last year.



## Trade

Export Trade Matrix			
Country:	RSA	Units:	Metric tons
Commodity:	Grapefruit		
Time period:	Jan-Dec		
Exports for	1997		1998
U.S.	10	U.S.	0
Others		Others	
Netherlands	44358	Netherlands	30713
Belgium	42979	Japan	30628
United Kingdom	22342	Belgium	28207
Japan	13378	United Kingdom	10930
Russian Fed.	3531	Italy	3403
Italy	3437	France	2661
France	2872	Canada	2179
Germany	1729	Hong Kong	1870
Spain	1278	Spain	1147
Hong Kong	947	Germany	1047
Total for Others	136851		112785
Others not listed	3610		2202
Grand Total	140471		114987

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